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HALF-YEARLY REPORT

OF THE

London Conference

OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS,

Held in the City of London,

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, MAY 31st, AND JUNE 1st,

1851.

ELDER ELI B. KELSEY, PRESIDENT.

ELDER THOS. C. ARMSTRONG, SECRETARY.

VISITORS PRESENT:

ELDERS, JOHN TAYLOR, LORENZO SNOW, ERASTUS SNOW, AND
FRANKLIN D. RICHARDS, OF THE QUORUM OF THE TWELVE.

ELDERS, GEORGE B. WALLACE, AND LEVI RICHARDS COUNSELLORS
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE BRITISH CONFERENCES; TWENTY-SIX
PRESIDENTS OF CONFERENCES, AND VARIOUS MISSIONARIES FROM
THE CONTINENT.

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CONFERENCE REPORT.

THE Presidents of Branches and Travelling Elders of the London Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints assembled in the Eastern Lecture Hall, Church Lane, Whitechapel, on Saturday, the 31st day of May, 1851, at one o'clock p.m., for the transaction of Conference business.

The meeting was opened by singing the first hymn, and prayer.

Elder Eli B. Kelcey, the president of the conference, then arose and said, "The presidents of branches present are requested to prepare to give in their reports to the secretary when called upon, that there may be no unnecessary delay. There is a great deal of business to be done, and it is necessary that it be done to-day, so that we need not be under the necessity of occupying more than the forenoon of to-morrow to close up all conference business, and give such instructions to the priesthood as may be deemed necessary to sufficiently impress upon their minds several matters of importance that must necessarily be strictly attended to in the coming half year, that the present flourishing condition of the conference may not only be maintained, but a greater impetus be given to the work in the six months to come than in the six months that are past. We are a progressive people—we are engaged in a progressive work, and should, therefore, do better in the future than in the past. I expect that, during the afternoon and evening, we shall be favoured with the presence of the Apostles and a host of our visiting brethren, the Presidents of Conferences and Missionaries from the Continent. I feel rejoiced at the arrival in our midst of so many of the chosen servants of God. I anticipate that great good will result to the Saints of this Conference from the teachings and instructions that will be given by our Brethren during their stay. The necessity we have been under of distributing a few of them among the saints of twelve or fifteen of the principal branches, situated in London, will spread the beneficial influence resulting from their intercourse with the saints more extensively by far than if they were all in one branch. I hope the brethren will make themselves at home, for the saints whose hospitality they enjoy, will make them more than welcome during their stay.

That we may not be hindered in our business by having to dismiss and separate to obtain our suppers, refreshments have been provided in abundance. We have half a barrel of very fine Ginger Beer and a goodly supply of Bread and Cheese, which, together, will not be at all unpalatable to men of strong stomachs and good appetites. During the afternoon and evening we will have a recess or two to allow time to strengthen the physical man by a liberal distribution of the good things before mentioned.

The Secretary will now call for the Reports of the various Branches, and the Presidents are requested to speak out distinctly, that all may hear, and the meeting will not be so monotonous as it otherwise would be.

LONDON CONFERENCE TABULAR RETURN.

No	Branches.	By whom Represented.	Emen.	Purch.	Treasure.	Duesmen.	Expended	Received by letter	Received by letter	Reimburged.	Cash adv.	Debit.	Number of Members	Total in circulation.	Amount due to the General Body and Missions at last Annual Meeting	Amount drawn off towards the support of the preaching of the Gospel (larger & smaller)	An item charged as out of the Church since its Anniversary fund	Amount advanced towards the Personal bene practices Fund	Amount donated for all purposes during the past half year
1	Theobald's Road	John Hyde	9	6	10	4	73	40	40	14	12		413	1421	7 8 6	6 11 6	5 0 0	9 0 0	16 12 2
2	Whitechapel	Henry Savage	4	3	3	2	48	13	1		3		204	730	4 16 1	2 12 1	2 15 0	2 0 0	7 12 6
3	Newbury	Thomas Squires	10	8	3	3	35	2	32	4	1		151	330	10 14 6	1 4 2	1 1 10	19 10 4	4 3 3
4	Woodwich	Thomas Fisher	5	2	6	2	18	1	3	2	2		121	300	1 14 5	1 3 0	1 13 4	3 16 11	6 18 3
5	Somers Town	James Croother	4	3	3	2	24	3	16	7	4		114	560	4 17 4	1 6 5	1 15 0	4 0 0	4 0 0
6	Kensington	William Speakman	7	5	6	3	15	14	19	3	3		100	360	10 12 6	1 19 8	1 10 1	2 10 6	4 0 0
7	Kent Road	Henry Mansterer	6	4	3	2	23	12	5	2	1		108	556	7 4 9	1 11 2	1 5 0	3 15 3	3 15 3
8	Deptford	John Griffiths	5	5	5	3	16	3		3	4		103	490	5 15 6	1 1 8	1 0 0	5 14 4	5 14 4
9	Dover	Samuel Jarvis	3	2	4	2	21	2	11	4	14		80	560	13 7 10	2 12 3		1 5 3	4 5 4
10	Southwark	Andrew Harvey	7	6	5	3	5	56		2	10		85	318	5 6 11	2 9 3	1 9 9	1 7 0	3 6 4
11	Islington	William Cook	6	3	4	2	11	10	10	1	4	1	64	486	2 18 10	2 2 19	15 0	3 2 4	6 6 2
12	Beigham	Henry Hallist	5	3	6	2	16	11	37		9		80	422	9 9 19	1 9 9	18 0	14 4	3 19 11
13	Poplar	Samuel Parry	6	6	2	2	10	6	5	14		1	78	810	11 11 6	1 4 6	1 5 0	5 5 6	7 19 8
14	Old Ash	Joseph Kimber	7	6	4	1	7	1	1	4	1	1	77	163		4 4 6	1 5 0	13 4	2 2 10
15	Chelsea	Cornelius Bagnall	2	4	3		20	6	42	4	3		72	550	2 14 7	1 11 10	1 18 9	1 9 6	3 6 4
16	Finsbury	David Sherton	4	3	9	1	12	10	6	3	1	1	71	240	5 9 1	1 0 8	14 6	3 15 11	5 11 2
17	Devonport	James Caffell	3	2	4	1	17	4	1	1	2		67		5 15 3	6 2	10 6	4 0	1 8 8
18	Camden Town	William Walker	5	4	4	3	14	6	2	1	3		66	360	3 5 7	15 9	1 9 0	4 4 7	6 0 4
19	Wotfold	Richard John Caffell	3	5	3	2	6	9	9	1	7		66	110	3 15 5	13 10	15 3	9 2	1 18 3
20	Notting Hill	William Mills	4	1	1		6	4	4	7	7		65	320	4 11 6	18 10		13 0	1 11 10
21	Paddington	Edward Sutherland	3	2	2	2	16	18	9		4	1	60	570	6 10 7	1 15 7	10 6	1 15 1	4 2 8
22	Shoemakers	Thomas Obery	2	4	3	2	26	3	28	1	3	1	56	610	11 10 2	8 6	10 0	2 6 6	4 5 0
23	Globe Fields	Thomas Halkier	2	2	3	2	12	7	15	7	3		54	110	5 11 9	7 8		5 4	12 8
24	Paverham	John Lewis	2	4	3	1	22	1	2	2			53	250	4 6 6	8 11	10 0		2 3 10
25	St. Allen's	William Speakman	3	4	1	1	8	2	2	2	3		51	360	2 5 6	5 10	10 0	1 12 3	2 8 1
26	Wellington	William Morrison	3	3	2	1	2	2	1	1	5		49	110	2 15 2	11 1	11 0	1 19 10	3 4 6

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27	Battersea	Edward Shoebridge	1	4	1	1	1	2	2	4	1	38	100	2	6	9	9	7	11	6	13	10	1	16	11			
28	Woodford Bridge	W. D. Owen	4	3	3	1	1	8	3	1	1	4	32	1	4	11	3	7		2	8		7	6				
29	Windsor (Dorset)	Thomas Bryson	1	1	1	1	4	1		1	1	1	34	102	4	8	1	3	9		2	6		5	0			
30	Bromley	Samuel Jones	1	1	2	2	1	18			2	23	120	3	14	84	12	9		1	11	0	2	3	4			
31	Limehouse	William Turner	2	1		1	7	7	6	1	1	32	240		3	6	10	6		10	0		1	3	6			
32	Beckford	Eleazar Gibbs	3	2	1	1	9					31		2	7	9	2	9		16	4		19	1				
33	Woburn Green	Thomas Bryson	3	2	2		20	1		9	1	30	120	6	5	4	6	6		6	1		12	1				
34	Reading	William Green	3	2	3	1	7	4	5		6	30	102	5	12	2	12	0		15	3		1	7	3			
35	Orsett	David Brand	2	2	1		13		2		1	27					3	7		18	2		1	7	2			
36	Grayswood	J. Redwell	3	1	2		5	1	1	1	1	26	330	2	12	8	11	9	9	13	9		1	13	9			
37	Isle of Dogs	Elis Hull	3	1	2		2		9	2		23	660	1	18	3	1	5	0	17	3	1	1	9	3	8	3	
38	Weston	Thomas Squires	2	1	1	1						24	87		11	9												
39	Hollesway	J. Grinham	2	2	2	2	11	2	1			28	160	3	19	11	9	7							9	7		
40	Croydon	William Kelvey	1	1	3		6	6	3		3	22	164	1	16	6				16	5				16	5		
41	Kensall New Town	Jonathan Meyor	2	1		1	5	1	7			21	120	1	9	11	8	4	7	6	19	4		1	5	8		
42	Sharnham	Henry Hollist	1	2	1	1	4	23	5			22	10	1	5	8	2	4	5	1	1	6			15	3		
43	Vauxhall	Samuel Pringle	1	2	2	2	5	21				20	124	2	13	3	2	4								2	6	
44	Ramsbury	Thomas Smith	1	2	1	1	5	20	2			23					6	11	3	7					10	0		
45	Hammer-smith	By Letter	2	1		1	3	5	4		1	19	192				17	7	8	0	17	0		2	2	7		
46	Hertford	William Speakman	2	3	1	1	6	3	4		1	19	160	1	8	0			5	0	14	10		1	0	6		
47	Milton	Stephen Hare	1	2			6	12				18																
48	Uxbridge	William Collins	3	1	1	1	7	3	1	2		16	90	2	6	2	6	0	2	0						8	6	
49	Hungerford	Thomas Squires	2	1		2	20				1	12	120								2	6				2	10	
50	Tottenham	R. Clifton	2	1		1	1	1	3		1	15	162	1	11	5	10	4		1	16	2		2	6	4		
51	Andover	John Green	1	2	2	1	2	12				14					3	7	5	0						8	7	
52	Colchester	John Spriggs	1	1		1	6		1		5	13		1	14	11	2	1								2	1	
53	Maldon	Charles W. Pearce	1	1		1	16					11			6	7												
54	Minster	Richard Manicom	1	1		1	6	15			3	18							2	4						2	6	
55	Harsham	Joseph Savell	1				16	1				12		1	8	3												
56	Prompton	Edward Shoebridge	1	1	1		1	10				11	66		12	6												
57	Ramsay's	By Letter	1				4		2		8	5	66	5	4	6												
58	Wroughton	David Paxman	1	1	1	1	7	1				9																
59	Peven	By Letter	4				5	2				6		1	19	6												
60	Hastings	John Hyde, Jun.	1	1	1		2	4				7																
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BRANCHES IN THE LONDON CONFERENCE, JUNE 1, 1851.

NO.	BRANCHES	ORGANISED.	PLACE OF MEETING.	COUNTY.	NAME OF PRESIDENT.	ADDRESS OF PRESIDENT.
1	Thosold's Head	Nov. 10, 1841	Queen's Square Assembly Rooms,	Middlesex	John Hyde	28, Windsor-place, City Road
2	Whitechapel	Oct. 21, 1842	Eastern Lecture Hall, Church-lane	Middlesex	Henry Savage	12, West-st., North-st., Whitechapel
3	Kestery	June 27, 1844	Latter-Day Saints' Chapel, St. Mary-street	Berkshire	Thomas Squires	Bartholomew's-street, Newbury
4	Wood-ash	Oct. 10, 1845	Thomas-street, Wood-ash	Hert.	Thomas Fisher	8, Allert-place, Charlton, Woolwich
5	Somers Town	July 2, 1846	14, Abingham-street	Middlesex	James Freeman	13, Aldenham-street, Somers Town
6	Reannington	June 12, 1848	Rackham's Academy, Bocking-green-st.	Surrey	William Speakman	11, Ingleborough-street, Brixton
7	Old Kent Road	Jan. 11, 1847	Green Wharf, Canal Bridge, Old Kent-rd.	Surrey	Henry Mansure	4, St. James-st., Hatcham, Old Kent rd.
8	Dept. ord	July 21, 1848	1, Collier-street, Deptford	Kent	John Griffiths	1, John-street, Wood-ash New Town
9	Dever	1848	10, Chapel-place, Dover	Kent	Thomas Barton	10, Chapel-place, Dover
10	Southwark	March 5, 1849	Octagon Rooms, Mount-st., Westminster-rd.	Surrey	Andrew Harvey	3, Jerusalem-court, Clerkenwell
11	Islington	Jan. 20, 1849	21, Ratchiffe-terrace, Goswell Street Road	Middlesex	William Cook	44, Jewin-street, City
12	Brighton	Nov. 1849	Richmond-buildings, Richmond-street	Sussex	Henry Holist	7, Wellington-place, St. Russell-st.
13	Poplar	April 18, 1847	Literary Institution, High-street, Poplar	Middlesex	Samuel Parry	11, Wallis-street, Poplar New Town
14	Cold Ash	July 30, 1848	At William Halliday's, Cold Ash	Berkshire	Joseph Simler	Cold Ash
15	Chelsea	Nov. 1849	Beech Chapel, Pond-place, Chelsea	Middlesex	Concraus Bagwell	5, Cumberland-street, Chelsea
16	Finchbury	Mar. 6, 1850	Proslion Chapel, Cam. island-st., Shoreditch	Middlesex	Daniel Shorten	4, Hand-court, Holford
17	Desonport	May 11, 1850	101, Fore-street, Desonport	Devonsh.	James Cuffill	2, Cornwell-street, Desonport
18	Camden Town	July 7, 1850	8, Stuckley-place, Camden Town	Middlesex	William Walker	14, St. Peter's-street, Hackney Road
19	Watford	Feb. 1, 1848	Jones's-yard, High-street, Watford	Hertford	Richard John Cuffill	New-street, Station Road
20	Netting Hill	July 24, 1848	Temperance Hall, Silver-st., Netting-hill	Middlesex	William Mills	4, Belmer-terrace, Netting Hill
21	Paddington	March 21, 1850	Literary Institution, Great Carlsde-street	Middlesex	Thomas C. Armstrong	14, Currier-st., Clemeery-lane
22	Sheerness	Mar. 1850	Meeting Room, 1, Mile Town	Hert.	Thomas Olney	4, Wood-street, Mile Town
23	Globe Fields	June 30, 1850	41, Globe-road, Mile End	Middlesex	Thomas Halliker	41, Globe-road, Mile End
24	Faversham	July 24, 1850	Bridge-place, Brents, Faversham	Kent	John Lewis	Bridge-place, Faversham
25	St. Alban's	April 1848	Holywell-hill, St. Alban's	Hertford	Henry Squires	Wellwyn, Herts
26	Welling	July 21, 1849	Mr. George's, Welling	Kent	William Morrison	3, Allert-place Charlton, Woolwich
27	Battersea	July 1848	King-street Chapel, Battersea	Surrey	George Sims	6, Caroline-place, Queen Elms, Brompton
28	Wood and Bridge	July 27, 1849	Barking Side	Sussex	W. D. Owen	41, Globe-road, Mile End
29	Windsor (Derney)	Aug. 20, 1850	Derney, near Windsor	Berkshire	David Blair	1, Keppel-terrace, Windsor

BRANCHES CONTINUED.

30	Bromley	June 2, 1850	Meeting Room, Bromley Common	Kent	Samuel James	Bromley Common
31	Linschouse	July 11, 1849	Lecture Hall, Rope-maker's-bldg. Linschouse	Middlesex	William Turner	1, Union-place, Jamaica-place, Linschouse
32	Boxford	Octr. 8, 1849	Ebenezer Chapel, Stone-street, Boxford	Suffolk	Ebenezer Gills	Bures, near Colchester, Essex
33	Woburn Green	Aug. 22, 1850	At Mr. Beesley's, Woburn Green	Herts	William Beesley	Woburn-green, near Beaconsfield
34	Reading	Aug. 22, 1850	47, St. Mary's Butts, Reading	Berkshire	William Green	47, St. Mary's Butts
35	Orsett	Sept. 1849	Orsett Heath	Essex	David Brand	Orsett Heath
36	Gravesend	Dec. 1849	School Room, Stone-street, Gravesend	Kent	J. Rodwell	34, Queen Street, Gravesend
37	Isle of Dogs	Feb. 21, 1850	7, Tecke-street, Mill Wall, Poplar	Middlesex	Ell Hull	g, Beaver-st., Poplar New Town
38	Weston	April 23, 1851	Weston	Berks	William Brooker	Westbrook, near Boxford, Berks
39	Holloway	Nov. 24, 1850	1, Cornwall-place, Upper Holloway	Middlesex	Robert Haslam	12, Rom-in-rd., Caledonian-rd., Islington
40	Croydon	Nov. 10, 1850	118, Old Town, Croydon	Surrey	William Kelsey	118, Old Town, Croydon
41	Kenall New Town	Nov. 1849	Richmond-villa, East-rw, Kenall-new-twn.	Middlesex	Jonathan Meyes	12, Caroline-street, East, Camden Town
42	Shorcham	Feb. 21, 1851	White Lion-street, Shorcham	Sussex	James Putman	16, Hanover-street, Brighton
43	Vauxhall	April 6, 1851	Bapt. Chapel, Coburg-row, Rochester-row.	Middlesex	Samuel Priddy	9, Pond-terrace, Chelsea
44	Ramsbury	Feb. 11, 1851	Ox end-street, Ramsbury	Wilts	Thomas Smith	Thomas Milhys's, Oxford-street
45	Hammer-smith	Octr. 30, 1851	Windsor Castle Academy, King-street	Middlesex	John Squares	High-street, Putney, Surrey
46	Hertford	May 3, 1850	At James Camp's, Hertford	Herts	James Camp	Hertford
47	Milton	March 9, 1851	Love-lane, Milton	Kent	Stephen Hare	Mile Town, Sheerness
48	Uxbridge	Nov. 24, 1850	Lecture Room, George-yard, Uxbridge	Middlesex	William Collins	Coaley, near Uxbridge
49	Hungerford	July 30, 1849	Norman's House, Eddington	Berks	John Lambden	1, Church-street, Hungerford
50	Tottenham	May 1, 1850	13, Church-street, Stoke Newington	Middlesex	Robert Clifton	13, Church-street, Stoke Newington
51	Andover	Feb. 23, 1851	Barrett's Rooms, Newbury-street, Andover	Hants	John Green	7, Adam's, Rack-close, Andover, Hants
52	Colchester	Octr. 25, 1850	31, North-hill, Colchester	Essex	John Spriggs	31, North-hill, Colchester
53	Malden	May 23, 1851	1, Down's Cottages, Malden	Essex	Charles W. Penrose	Mrs. Sea-wood's, Hythe
54	Minster	Mar. 18, 1851	Old Mark House, Minster	Kent	Richard Mansoon	Rose-street, Mile Town, Sheerness
55	Horsham	April 27, 1851		Sussex	Joseph Savel	5, East-street, Horsham
56	Brompton	May 24, 1851	13, Hertford-square, Brompton	Middlesex	Edward Stockbridge	12, Trenchard-square, Brompton
57	Ramsgate	Nov. 21, 1850		Kent	Edward Warrett	7, Waterloo-place, Ramsgate
58	Wroughton	May 21, 1851	James Bedford's, Wroughton	Wilts	David Foxman	James Bedford's, Wroughton
59	Penny	May 1, 1851		Cornwall	Thomas Phillips	Penny, Cornwall
60	Hastings	May 15, 1851		Sussex	R. H. French	11, West-street, Hastings

After the reports of the branches had been given in, **ELDER THOMAS SAVINER**, *Presiding Elder* of the Eastern portion of the Conference, gave a very cheering account of the work in his field of labour. The presidents of branches, and the elders, priests, teachers, deacons, and saints under their charge were striving to roll on the work in their respective fields of labor with great vigour. The travelling elders were diligent and persevering; and he anticipated their doing a great work in the future.

ELDER WILLIAM SPEARMAN, *Presiding Elder* of the Northern portion of the conference, gave a very satisfactory report of the work in his field of labour. Every thing was going on well; and they had hopes of doing much good in the coming half-year by the spread of the printed word, and by the elders spreading abroad and opening new places for preaching.

The travelling elders were then called upon to give a brief history of the work in their respective fields of labour.

Elder James Penrice stated that he had laboured for the last three or four months in the region around Chelmsford; had baptized two—prospects cheering.

Elder William Kelsey said, "I have travelled extensively in the neighbourhood of Croydon and adjacent towns; I have baptized six persons during the past six months, and hope to baptize many more in the six months to come."

Elder Charles W. Penrose said, "I was sent to labour in the region around Maldon sometime last February. Elder Penrice and I started out together without purse or scrip. The Lord has verified His promises to us both. We have never wanted for any thing. I have baptized ten persons, and organized a branch of the Church at Maldon. My prospects for the future are very good."

Elder Bryceson said, "I have travelled for the last three months in the neighbourhood of Woburn Green, High Wycomb, &c., with considerable success. I feel very sanguine in my expectations of doing a good work in the coming half-year."

Elder Samuel James gave a cheering account of his labours in Bromley, and region around.

Elder Thomas Duffy gave a gratifying report of his labours in Chatham, Rochester, and Stroud; he has prospects of raising up a good branch in Chatham.

Elder Charles Phelps said, "I have extended my labours into three towns in Devonshire. I have baptized two in Torquay. In distributing the tracts in Brixham, I found a sister, in the church, who was living there. My prospects are very bright for the future."

Elder Joseph Adams gave a brief history of his labours in Wantage, Lambourn, &c.

Elder David Paxman said, "About four months ago I went into Wroughton a perfect stranger, without purse or scrip. The Lord has opened my way—I have not wanted. I have baptized seven and organized a branch. I also labour in Swindon and other towns."

Elder Thomas Smith said, "I have been labouring for some time past in Ramsbury, Wiltshire, and one or two other villages. I have raised up a branch in Ramsbury—prospects good."

Elder Arthur Penny gave a brief account of his labours during the last four months in the regions around Tunbridge, and Tunbridge Wells.

Elder William Bunce gave a cheering report of the progress of the work in the regions around Gravesend and Orsett.

Elder Samuel Jarvis stated, "That there was a good opening for an elder at Romley Marsh, twenty miles from Dover, and recommended that an elder be sent there to travel." *

ELDER KELSEY arose and said, "The afternoon is rapidly passing away; and time will not allow of our hearing the remainder of the travelling elders report the success they have met with in the several fields of labour that have been assigned them. They have done well, and the Lord has greatly blessed them in their labors. Some of them have not succeeded in baptizing any person yet, but they have found openings for preaching, and have been sowing seed in abundance that will yet germinate, spring up, and bear fruit. We have near thirty elders in the field who devote all their time to preaching the gospel, and in distributing the tracts. In addition to those already out, there are seven or eight able and efficient young men who are making preparations to go into the vineyard. We have need of forty or fifty travelling elders in addition to the number already in the field—therefore, let all those who have a desire to do a work for the Lord, by going out without purse or scrip to preach the gospel in distant places, beyond where it is possible for the local elders to go on Sabbath, come forward and manifest their zeal by their works.

Elder John Hyde Jun. is travelling in Hastings, and the region around, having succeeded elder Joseph Beverage, whose health is not sufficiently strong for the keen air of the sea coast. His prospects are good of doing a great work in that important field.

Elder James Caffall has charge of the work in Devonshire.

Elder John Lewis is presiding over the Faversham Branch, and labouring with great success in the region around.

Elder Richard Pay is labouring in the region around Margate and Ramsgate.

Elder Arthur Stainer is labouring in the neighbourhood of Farnham.

Elder George Giles is labouring in Chertsey, and region around.

Elder Richard H. French is labouring in the neighbourhood of Uckfield.

Elder Joseph Savell is presiding over the Horsham branch, and travelling in the neighbouring villages.

Elder John Green is presiding over the Andover branch, and travelling in the adjacent towns.

Elder Thomas Caffall has laboured with great success in Brighton for the last twelve months. It has been deemed wisdom for a local elder to take charge of that branch, that elder Caffall may be free to extend the work in Maidstone and adjacent villages.

* Elder Jarvis has labored for the last twelve months in Dover and vicinity with great success. The situation of his family, pecuniarily, has rendered it necessary for him to cease travelling for the present. He designs returning to Birmingham to obtain employment at his trade. We recommend Elder Jarvis to the presidency and sense of that conference as a faithful and efficient man, whose integrity and zeal will render him worthy of any situation of trust they may see proper to call him to fill.

Elder Thomas Phillips has charge of the work in the lower part of Cornwall, and is doing a good work in that distant region.

The meeting was adjourned for a short time, and the brethren regaled themselves upon the refreshments provided for the occasion.

After which, the meeting was called to order.

ELDER KELSEY then said, "I have a few words of instruction to give to the presidents of branches relative to calling and ordaining men to offices in the priesthood. I would say to you brethren in the language of the Apostle Paul—"Lay hands suddenly on no man." Never elevate a man to any office unless he has magnified the station he has previously held. There is a pernicious spirit prevailing among a portion of the priesthood, and some of the male members in several of the branches. I will give you a few signs by which you may know when a man is under the influence of this spirit. If a president of a branch nominates brother A to the office of a deacon, and does not call brother B to some office, he feels himself slighted and becomes indignant. Says he, to some of his brethren, "*there is partiality used*—I have been in the church as long, or longer than brother A, and I should have been called to office. Why am I neglected in this manner?" If teacher C is nominated for the office of priest or elder, teacher D and deacon E take umbrage if they are not also elevated in the priesthood at the same time; and "*there is partiality used*" is whispered by teacher D and echoed by deacon E, and taken up by all who are of the same spirit. Brethren, use your influence to put down this spirit, for it is a spirit of apostacy. And whenever you find a man under its influence, let him feel that there is a barrier to his exaltation in the kingdom of God, unless he will humble himself before the Lord, and put such feelings away from him. Men are not to take upon themselves the priesthood; but are to be called—they are not to choose, but to be chosen.(a)

I have audited the General Book and Star Agency Account, and find that all is correct. I will here state that Elder Cook has discharged the duties of his office nobly. He spares no pains to render the "Depot" attractive to all passers by. Many hundreds of persons, during each week, stop and read the publications that are displayed in the show window. These are opened in such an order as to present a full synopsis of the doctrines and principles of the Church, and of the most remarkable incidents connected with the Church's history before the casual reader. Many, in this way, are informed that the Latter-day Saints are in "Town," and are induced to stop in and purchase some works illustrative of our faith, and make many enquiries which are always answered with the greatest suavity of manner by Brother Cook. The following report shows the state of the General Book and Star Agency Account up to the 22nd instant:—(b)

(a) For further information upon this important subject, see article on "Ordination," in Star No. 3, Vol. XII.

(b) In consequence of the many changes made in the agent's account, through the settlements made by the branches at conference, it has been deemed wisdom to publish the statement of the account as it stood the day after conference, rather than the report as it was read.

<i>Dr.</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>	<i>Cr.</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>
To Amount due to the Office at Liverpool	475 14 3	To Amount due by the Branches, (see table, pp. 4 & 5)	220 1 3
		Amount of stock on hand	230 0 0
		„ Cash in hand	25 13 0
	<u>475 14 3</u>		<u>475 14 3</u>

I will now report the state of the conference fund. It has been disposed of in the following manner, viz:—

<i>Dr.</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>	<i>Cr.</i>	<i>£ s. d.</i>
Amount given to the family of Elder Woodard (see Decem- ber Report, page 18)	10 0 0	Am't donated by the Branches during the half year (see table)	82 13 6
Amount paid for Record Books Given to assist Elder Speakman to bring his family from Newcastle	1 10 0	Amount received from the Col- lections at Conference	13 14 6
Given to assist the various el- ders on their missions	3 10 0	Amount of the proceeds of the "Festival" held on Monday, the 2nd of June, left after defraying all expenses	3 10 0
„ Elder G. B. Wallace	8 10 0		<u>£99 18 0</u>
Amount of debt due last Con- ference	4 5 0	Balance due to Treasurer	£18 2 11
Amount paid, order given upon me by Elder T. Margetts	1 7 0		
Amount paid on Elder Margett's account, arising from an er- ror in accounts left by him on several Branches, the amount of which was advanced to him by Elder West	1 14 1		
Amount paid for rent of the Aldersgate Institution, and fee to the Porter	5 8 0		
Amount paid for Books, Tracts, &c., given to the Travelling Elders	29 15 0		
Amount paid for refreshments used at the meeting of the Presidents of Branches	9 13 4		
	<u>£68 0 11</u>		<u>£68 0 11</u>

I will now read over a list of the monies given me by different branches towards my travelling expenses:—

Dever	2 7 4	Amount brought up	7 13 8
Brighton	1 7 1	Paddington	0 2 6
Sheerness	1 1 0	Shoreham	0 6 0
Newbury	0 18 5	Kent Road	0 2 6
Faversham	0 12 2	Woodford Bridge	0 2 3
Whitechapel	0 5 0	Limehouse	0 5 0
Poplar	0 4 6	Isle of Dogs	0 5 0
Deptford	0 5 0	Welling	0 2 6
Woolwich	0 5 0	Notting hill	0 2 0
Chelsea	0 5 0		
	<u>£7 13 6</u>		<u>£9 1 3</u>

[The above sums are included in the totals placed opposite the names of these branches in the table.]

My travelling expenses have amounted to £9 5s. 5d.

It was resolved at the general meeting of the priesthood held last January, that a conference fund be raised for the purpose of supplying the travelling elders with tracts, &c. to facilitate their labours in opening up the gospel in new places, and to leave a small sum on hand to assist the family of Elder Woodard, and for such other purposes as the president of the conference should deem it wisdom to use it for. The branches were to contribute to this fund at the rate of £1 per one hundred members. Some of the branches, much to their honor, have fulfilled their promise; but the far greater portion of the branches have done but a small part of that which they promised; consequently, we are behind hand in our conference affairs. I placed the most implicit confidence in the promises given; and, therefore, hesitated not to borrow the money that was needed from time to time to carry out the resolutions made at the meeting of the priesthood before spoken of. Brethren, I feel grieved at this, I will now give way for any of the brethren who wish to speak upon this subject.

Elder Thomas Squires said, "I am desirous of saying a few words relative to this fund. The saints over whom I preside complain of this fund as a species of tax. I think that if the mode of raising it was changed, it would be better. For instance, a collection might be taken up in each branch once a quarter, or once a month, as might be deemed wisdom. I believe this would be far more agreeable to the saints than the present plan."

Elder William Speakman said, "I am of the same opinion as Elder Squires. I have often heard it spoken of, by some of the saints over whom I preside as a tax. I believe that voluntary collections would be a better plan."

Elder Thomas Fisher said, "As for the saints of the Woolwich branch, they feel highly pleased with the fund as it now stands. I have not heard one speak of it in any other way than with the greatest respect. I am of opinion that the present plan is as good as any we can adopt."

Elders William Cook, John Griffiths, and others spoke of the fund in terms of commendation, and thought that it could be raised as well in the present way as in any other."

Elder Kelsey then said, "We have not time to discuss this matter any more. I have a few words to say upon the subject, and will then ascertain the minds of the brethren as to the expediency of keeping up the fund, and if kept up, their opinions as to the best plan to be adopted to raise it.

In the first place, I must say that the plan which some of the presidents of branches have adopted for the raising of this fund, is well calculated to present the matter before the minds of the saints in the shape of a tax. They separate this fund from every thing else, and speak to the saints about each paying their share of the conference fund. In this way the idea is engendered that the conference fund of £1 per one hundred members, is to be equally divided among them; and that, consequently,

NOTE.—An error occurred in making out the Report of the Emigration Fund for December 1st, 1859. The Kensall New Town Branch is there represented as having paid £2 7s. 10d., and the Notting Hill Branch as having paid 11s.; whereas it should have been

Notting Hill	42	7	10
Kensall New Town	0	11	0

the amount due by each for this purpose, is about 2½d. per quarter. Now, the least I can say of such a course as this, is, that it is an unwise one; besides it is unnecessary, for the conference fund could be voted by the council of each branch out of the *general branch fund*. If there are not sufficient funds on hand at the end of each quarter to allow of this, the saints should be made aware of the fact, that there are not sufficient funds on hand to defray the expenses of the quarter, and be called upon to increase their donations until a sufficiency is obtained. I now wish to know whether this council deem it wisdom to continue the fund? if so, let them make it manifest by a show of hands—all hands up.

I now wish to know your opinions as to the best manner of raising it. Shall we raise it by the present method, or by monthly collections? Let all those who are in favor of continuing the present method manifest their preference by a show of hands—*numerous hands up*.

Now, let all who are in favor of raising it by monthly collections make their preference manifest in the same way—*few hands up*.

I now see clearly, that the will of the great majority of the council is, that we continue the conference fund as heretofore. I will now give way, in hopes that our brethren of the "Quorum of the Twelve Apostles," will give us such instruction as they may deem necessary.

PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D. RICHARDS then arose, and after a few preliminary remarks, said, "The Church and Kingdom of God is to be built up by sacrifice—it is by that principle that the husbandman is made rich—he must first scatter his grain before he can gather the harvest. These my brethren around me, have lived and labored continually, sacrificing all they had and could command, for the interest of the church and the spread of the everlasting gospel; and any who do not feel to covenant with the Lord by sacrifice, will not have the spirit of this gospel abiding in them—but those who do, will be gathered together. Our Saviour made great sacrifices, and became a stranger on the earth, that he might bring us unto God. All his servants in the world make sacrifices, therefore, brethren, when you go forth, go not as laboring for a present reward, but for a reward in the resurrection of the just. This is the spirit of your brethren in Zion. I have known them offer their last cow, their house, and all they had, rather than the House of the Lord should not be built.

Another thing, brethren, when you take counsel together in conference, and adopt any measures for the promotion of the work, go and carry them out. Do not vote to do a thing and then not do it. Seek to found all your plans in the love, fellowship, and wisdom of the spirit, then honor your own decisions, and God will give you power to execute them. If you do not honor your own counsels, how can you expect others to honor them. Do what you do then, with full purpose of heart, and your word, like the word of the Lord will go forth and not return void, but will accomplish the thing whereunto you send it.

In relation to the method of raising funds, as proposed by your president, I will say, that the presiding elders are the authorities of the conference, they are the representatives of their different branches, and know better than other men what the saints under their administrations are able and willing to do; and you will find, that whatever your president thinks it advisable to accomplish, if you adopt his views with an undivided heart,

and believe you can do it, you will have power to make the people believe so too; for the people will have the same spirit about these things that their presiding elder has—if he feels that it is a burden, they will feel that it is laid upon them like a tax, but if they feel to raise a certain sum for the promotion of the cause, and set about it with free good will, it is a united and voluntary thing and no tax. It is, however, the case sometimes, that men and people are like Israel of old, who would not live in the perfect order of God, and the Lord took Moses and the holy priesthood from among them, and left them the Aaronic priesthood, and law of carnal commandments, which, although they could not make the covenants thereunto perfect, were the height to which their faith aspired. So, in these days, when the people are, as in some places, slow of heart to believe, and backward of good works, the ministers of God must mete out that portion of the word of God which they will receive, if peradventure, it may prove a school-master that will bring them to Christ, and thus, with good teaching, doctrine and counsel, promote good works until they can receive of the spirit to see and feel that the excellency of the knowledge of God is far above all earthly consideration; and the upbuilding of His kingdom becomes the chief object of their lives. To know, and do these things will render you wise and faithful ministers in the household of God. During the last six months a great and powerful machine has been put in motion for the circulation of the printed word in this conference. It has already accomplished much; but that much is but a trifle to what it will accomplish in a time to come. If properly and faithfully kept in motion it promises much for the ingathering of souls.

Brethren, in all your efforts to do good do not forget the "Perpetual Emigration Fund," for I am anxious to send off a ship load of saints by it, during the next emigration season. I will now give way for some of my brethren to address you, and will only add, continue in the good word, for the Lord will bless every man, who, from his heart, puts forth his hand to roll on the work in this conference.

Elder John Taylor, president of the French Mission, followed Elder Richards with a short, but very instructive address. After speaking of the rise and progress of the Church since the year 1830, he said, "I feel that I am associated with the nobility of heaven, and the honourable of the earth; with men who have been tried in the furnace of affliction and proved themselves worthy. We have been placed in scenes of trial and difficulty that we might gain knowledge by experience. We have had privileges and blessings conferred upon us by our Heavenly Father, that our fidelity might be tested; if faithful over a few things, if we make a wise and judicious use of that which is given unto us, by and bye greater things will be ours—and in due time we shall attain to that dominion and glory destined to be enjoyed by the saints of God. * * * I can recollect the time when there was not a tenth part as many saints in London as there are elders now. You were then a small people—but now brother Kelsey can say '*this great conference.*' '*We can do this, and we can do that,*' &c., &c." Then turning to Elder Kelsey, he said, "brother Kelsey, you shall do all that you wish to do; and more than that—more than you think of doing, for the Lord will be with you, to bless you in all your labours." * * * "I have taken steps to obtain, through

the Ministers of State in France, permission to preach the Gospel throughout that land. I, in connection with my brethren associated with me in the French Mission, have had several interviews with the Minister of Public Instruction, and other officers, upon the subject. The matter is now under consideration, and I pray that the Lord will overrule their decision, that the desired permission may be obtained. I have so arranged things in France, as to be at liberty to fulfil the desire of my heart, namely—to go and preach the Gospel in Germany. I know that there are thousands there who desire to know the truth, and that the Lord will manifest his power mightily in that land in the conversion of thousands, who will rejoice with us in the blessings of the everlasting gospel.” Elder Taylor said much more respecting the Foreign Missions, and prophesied great blessings upon the heads of his brethren of the Twelve—Lorenzo Snow, Erastus Snow, and F. D. Richards, in their several fields of labour; and concluded by pronouncing a blessing upon those present, and upon all the priesthood of God.

Elder Kelsey then gave notice that a collection would be taken up in each of the Halls occupied in the afternoon and evening of Sabbath the 1st of June, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the day, and to assist in the liquidation of the conference debt.

The meeting was then adjourned, to meet again the next morning at 10 o'clock, a.m., in the City of London Literary and Scientific Institution, Aldersgate Street, City.

SABBATH MORNING, JUNE 1st., 1851.

Meeting opened by Singing, and Prayer by President FRANKLIN D. RICHARDS.

Elder Kelsey arose and said, “We will occupy the forenoon in passing the usual resolutions expressive of our determination to uphold and sustain the presiding authorities of the church, and in giving such instructions to the priesthood of this conference, as the character and extent of the work before us seem to require. I wish to say a word or two relative to individuals coming to conference and covenanting with uplifted hands to uphold the authorities and to sustain and assist in carrying out such measures as may be adopted for the regulation of the branches, and spread of the gospel, and then returning home and apparently forgetting every thing about it; or, at least, if remembered, making no exertion to carry them into effect. I would say unto all such, you had a thousand times better avoid making covenants than to make them, and then fail to keep them. Every man in the kingdom of God is equally interested in its welfare and prosperity, and should feel and act as if he had some important part to sustain in the great work of the last days. The following resolutions were then passed without one dissenting vote, viz:—

Resolved:—That we uphold and sustain Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball, and Willard Richards, as the First Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in all the world.

Resolved:—That we uphold and sustain Orson Hyde as the president, and Parley P. Pratt, Orson Pratt, Wilford Woodruff, John Taylor, George A. Smith, Amasa Lyman, Ezra T. Benson, Charles C. Rich, Lorenzo Snow, Erastus Snow, and Franklin D. Richards, as members of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles.

Resolved:—That we uphold and sustain Elder Franklin D. Richards, as the president of the British conferences, with Elders George B. Wallace, and Levi Richards as his counsellors.

Resolved:—That we uphold and sustain Elder John Taylor, and the brethren associated with him in the French Mission.

Resolved:—That we uphold and sustain Elder Lorenzo Snow, and the brethren associated with him in the Italian Mission.

Resolved:—That we uphold and sustain Elder Erastus Snow, and the brethren associated with him in the Danish Mission.

Resolved:—That we uphold and sustain the various presidents of conferences in the British Isles.

Resolved:—That we continue to uphold and sustain Elder EH B. Kelsey, as the president of this conference, and that we will abide by his advice and instructions.

Resolved:—That we uphold and sustain Elder Thomas C. Armstrong as the clerk of the conference.

Resolved:—That we uphold and sustain Elder William Cook in the double capacity of General Book and Star Agent, and Treasurer for the Perpetual Emigration Fund.

Elder Cook, at the call of Elder Kelsey, came forward and gave a report of the Perpetual Emigration Fund—for information, see Tabular Report.

Elder Kelsey then said, "I thank you, my brethren and sisters, for the cordial manner in which you have expressed your willingness to continue to sustain me as the President of this conference. I shall still endeavour to discharge the duties devolving upon me with a single eye to the glory of God, and the good of His people. I feel grateful to the Lord for the manner in which He has blessed our labors in the past half-year. Our efforts for the spread of the Gospel have been great. The travelling elders have preached in sixty or seventy towns and villages, the greater number of which have never before been visited by an elder of this Church. These brethren have upwards of four thousand tracts in circulation, by loan, from house to house.* The branches have each been divided into districts; each of which has been placed under the charge of faithful and competent men, who have, as far as they have had opportunity, opened places for week-night meetings in the field assigned them. The towns and villages in the immediate vicinity of the various country branches have been formed into districts, each of which is occupied by two elders, or priests, who preach the gospel as opportunity offers upon sabbath days. The winter

* The total number of Tracts now in circulation in this conference, is about twenty thousand. Many of the branches are making preparations to considerably increase their present circulation; so that there is every prospect that the number of Tracts which will be in circulation for the next six months will not fall far short of twenty thousand. Some few of the branches are behind with the payment for the tracts they have in circulation—it is hoped that the presidents of those branches will lose no opportunity to impress upon the minds of the saints the necessity of promptness in all their dealings with the General Book Agent.

weather has been a great hinderance to the labors of the elders who have been out travelling, as well as to those who go out to preach on sabbath days; but now that the fair weather has come on, and all our plans are in full operation, I anticipate a rich harvest of souls as a reward for our labors in the spread of the gospel. The Travelling Elders have done their duty like men of God. They have entered into the spirit of the work in which they are engaged. They are, emphatically, *travelling elders*. Brethren, continue in well doing. Let it be your aim to spread the knowledge of God far and wide, and to preach the gospel in every city, town, village or hamlet within your reach. When you have built up a branch of the church, train up the best man you can find for the presidency; leave him in charge and go on to other places, keeping a watchful and faithful care over him and the lambs of the flock you have placed under his charge. I disapprove of the practice of men going out to preach the gospel, building up a branch, and then forgetting their mission, sit down, as in a nest, to take their ease. Such men will quickly loose the spirit of the work, and as a matter of course, the spirit of God. If the missionaries of this church, generally, were to act upon such a principle, the gospel would not be preached in all the world for the next thousand years at least. I congratulate myself in the fact, that a different spirit animates your bosoms. I am fully persuaded of this, from the tone of your letters to me, when you send in your monthly reports. I trust, that you will in no case neglect to report to me, monthly, your prospects in the fields of labor assigned you. My anxiety for your welfare and prosperity in your missions is great; your letters have a tendency to relieve my mind; and, when I perceive from the tone of your communications that the spirit and power of your high and holy calling rests upon you in great richness, my heart rejoices exceedingly.

COUNCILS.—I have a few words of advice to give to the presidents and members of the councils of the various branches, which, if followed, will put an end to a fruitful source of difficulty in the management of the affairs of a branch. The proceedings of the council of a branch should be kept sacred, unless they are of that character that will require the co-operation of the members of the branch generally. The council is the place where the reports of the officers of the branch are to be given. As the members of the council are the guardians and instructors of the saints, it is their duty to watch over them continually, for good. The president of the branch has the general supervision of all things that relate to the branch over which he presides; it, therefore, becomes the duty of the elders, priests, teachers and deacons to report to him in council all cases of transgression among the saints, after the means prescribed by the Law of the Lord have been resorted to in vain.* Here the matter is fully investigated, and the spiritual condition of the offending party properly represented to the council, and an antidote commensurate with the evil prepared, that the brother or sister may be reclaimed without being held up to the gaze of all the church. How unwise then the man, who, designedly or inadvertently, as soon as he leaves the council, discusses first with his wife, and then with a confidential friend, the proceedings thereof. It is, perhaps,

* Mat. xviii, 15-17

to prejudice them against the unfortunate brother or sister who may have fallen into sin, and, in all probability, to hedge up the way, of their return to the Lord: whereas, if the matter had been left entirely with the council the evil might have been remedied, the brother or sister reclaimed, and the mantle of charity cast over their weaknesses until the remembrance of them had passed away for ever. Brethren, as a wholesale preventative for such evils, let it become obligatory to every member of council to hold sacred all its proceedings with the exception before mentioned.

A president of a branch, like the president of a conference, has many duties to perform besides preaching. It is not the man who preaches the most, that does the most good—but it is the man, who, by the wisdom of his arrangements brings into action all the energy, wisdom, and talent of the officers and members of the branch placed under his charge, for the spread of the work.

THE BOOK AND STAR AGENCY of a branch, should not be forgotten by the president. It is highly important that the saints should be well supplied with all the standard publications issued by the church, that they may be in possession of every possible facility for the acquisition of knowledge pertaining to the work in which they are engaged. It is also highly important that our works should have as extensive a sale among strangers as possible. Each book, "Star," or pamphlet sold, will be an able expositor of the truths of the gospel unto the possessor, whenever consulted. For the effectual management of the book and Star agency of a branch, a great deal depends upon the choice of a Sub-agent. Seek to choose men for Sub-agents who will always take an interest in all that pertains to publications of the church, and endeavour to keep their importance continually before the saints. Such a man will urge upon those who are too poor to purchase a Book of Mormon, Doctrines and Covenants, &c., &c., at once, to enter into a Book Club and pay in their small weekly savings until a sufficient sum is obtained to purchase the book, or books wanted. He will urge upon the new members the importance of getting the back "Stars," and will thus soon rid himself of all old "Stars." Brethren, if any of you have not such a man for a Sub-agent, choose another in his place, unless he stirs himself. While I am upon this subject, I will say a word relative to the Sub-agent's suffering "Stars" to accumulate upon their hands by hundreds, thus keeping the church out of the money for them. The "Stars" are not returnable, therefore, when a branch receives a package of "Stars" from the general agent, they become indebted for the worth of them, with a promise both expressed and implied that they will be paid for without delay. The Presidency at Liverpool have a great deal to do with limited means. President Richards is now issuing new editions of the "Hymn Book," "Book of Mormon," and "Doctrines and Covenants." This will require a great outlay of money, and will render it necessary for all individuals acting as agents for the sale of publications, to be prompt in all their dealings with the "Star Office." Let the president of each branch see that the sub-agent's accounts are duly audited by competent persons the last week in each month, and that all money in hand is sent to ELDER COOK the first week in each month. There are sixty branches in the conference, therefore, if each branch should fall behind only a few shillings, in their

monthly remittances, the aggregate would amount to many pounds. Some of the branches are in debt to the general agent, in sums varying from ten to twelve pounds. It is not necessary for any sub-agent to keep so heavy a stock of books, &c. on hand as will amount to ten pounds. Three or four copies of each of the bound works; and from six to twelve of each of the unbound publications are amply sufficient to supply the demand for one month in any one branch of this conference, and the smaller branches do not even require so much.

THE PERPETUAL EMIGRATION FUND should not be lost sight of for one moment. Some of the branches have become neglectful of this fund. In one or two instances, branches numbering near one hundred members, have sent up *one shilling* as their contribution for one month towards the emigration of the poor. The saints of these branches are not so much to blame as those who have charge of the fund, as treasurers. A man who feels an interest in the trust reposed in him, would let his voice be heard often among the saints in behalf of that mighty project for the gathering together of the faithful poor upon the heights of Zion. "Brethren and sisters, do not forget the Emigration Fund," would be heard from week to week in the assemblies of the saints, stirring them up to remembrance of their duty. * * * Let the emigration fund be sent up to Elder Cook, the first week in each month, in connection with the book money, &c. (a)

CONFERENCE FUND.—Yesterday afternoon the council of the presidents of branches unanimously resolved that they would continue to sustain this fund. After some discussion, it was resolved that the present method of raising it be continued, viz:—that each branch contribute towards it at the rate of one pound sterling per quarter for each one hundred members represented at this conference. The conference fund is rather a missionary fund, than otherwise; it is designed principally to facilitate the labors of the travelling elders, by furnishing them with tracts, &c. for distribution, which are well calculated to introduce them to the notice of the people in whose midst they may labor. I trust that this fund will not be neglected the coming half-year so much as it was last. Each president will please see that his quota of this fund is duly remitted to me at the end of each quarter, as a considerable portion of it will be needed in the early part of the half-year. (b)

In accordance with the notice previously given, the afternoon and evening meetings will be divided so as to occupy eight halls besides the one we are now in. The great array of talent present will be so arranged that the attraction in each hall will be rendered as nearly equal as possible. I wish it could have been otherwise. I feel sorry that our brethren present will have to be separated. I feel honored in their midst, and, in the name of the saints of this conference, I tender them thanks

(a) For further information upon this subject, see Conference Report for Jan. 4th, 1831, p. 17.

(b) After the Tuesday meeting had adjourned, Elder Felsey called the presidents of branches together for a few minutes, when it was resolved that a collection be taken on all the branches throughout the conference, the first Sabbath in September, and the first Sabbath in October, for the purpose of liquidating the Conference Debt, or in other words, the balance due upon last quarter's account of the Conference Fund.

for having responded to our invitation with so much cordiality. I will now give way and request President Richards to give us such instruction as he may deem necessary. May the Lord add His blessing.—Amen.

PRESIDENT F. D. RICHARDS arose and said, "By the wish of your president I arise to address you. I have nothing to say relative to the business of the conference, but congratulate myself upon the great success that has attended your labors in times past. A great work has been done and many have been brought to the knowledge of the truth, and their hearts made to rejoice through your instrumentality, during the last six months. Much has already been accomplished, but nevertheless, there remains much more to be done. It is not sufficient for us to do well to-day, but it is necessary that we continue onward in the great work in which we are engaged, for unless we do, the people will, hereafter, in the day of their calamity say unto us, 'if we had known the things which you knew, we should not have held our peace, nor have ceased in our exertions to spread that knowledge around us, and, instead of being here deprived of participating in the glories of the Kingdom of God, have been rejoicing in the blessings of the everlasting Gospel.' Brethren, seek to be examples worthy of all imitation in the practice of every principle of holiness and virtue. You are the called of God. You are placed as lights to guide the people in the ways of life and salvation; therefore, so let your light shine, that others seeing your good works may be led, first to admire, then to investigate, and finally to obey the gospel, that in its tendencies and results has wrought so powerfully in purifying your characters and elevating you in the scale of intelligence pertaining to the things of God. We are not called upon to seek the popularity of the world, but to tread in the paths of eternal life; therefore, let us seek to become acquainted with the things of God, and when they are made known unto us, let us be careful that we do them. Let us be assured that angels, those heavenly messengers from our Father, will, unhesitatingly, bless our labours if we go forth trusting in the Lord, nothing doubting. If we will put faith in the promises of God, and fully believe that they will be verified unto us, no power can stand before us. * * * * Where is there a church, where is there a society in the whole world that has been attended with that success, and had that power to sustain them, under the most difficult and trying circumstances, that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has been blessed with. The Lord will never call an individual or a people to the performance of a work, without giving them that intelligence and power necessary for its accomplishment, provided they will, with energy and zeal, apply themselves to the fulfilment of the duties assigned them. Brethren, you are not to shrink from care, nor from responsibility, and God will make you pillars in His Temple. Let the words of the authorities which God has instituted in His Church not return unto them void. Always honor the decisions of your councils, and teach all your members to honor them, and unity of action will characterize all your efforts for the spread of truth. * * *

I rejoice to be in your midst, and my heart is made glad at the sight of my brethren here. Since I had the pleasure of meeting them twelve months since, some of them have been to France, some to Italy, some to Switzerland, Denmark, Germany, &c.,—which has proved that the Lord's

own work is going on. I regret that we have to separate and divide in the after-part of the day into nine meetings. I hope the day will soon come when we shall meet under better circumstances—yet, the division will result in good, through the labors of the many brethren who will be occupied in preaching the words of eternal life. I will add no more. May the Lord bless you all is my prayer.—Amen.”

Elder Kelsey then arose and said, “I will now give notice that the tickets issued for the ‘Festival,’ to be held in the afternoon and evening of tomorrow, in the ‘Freemason’s Hall,’ Great Queen Street, are all sold. The number of Tickets sold, will, it is feared, fill the hall to overflowing. It is therefore requested that those who have not been able to obtain tickets, will not come with the expectation of getting in by paying at the door. I feel grieved in my heart that we have not been able to obtain the use of a hall sufficiently large to accommodate all who are desirous of coming. We have done the best we could. Near one thousand tickets have been sold, and there is yet a demand for at least one thousand more. As the time allotted for the forenoon Meeting has expired, we will now bring it to a close.

The meeting was then closed by singing and prayer. The conference was then adjourned to meet again in the City of London, the first Sabbath in December next.

IN THE AFTERNOON AND EVENING, the thousands of saints and strangers assembled in the various halls, were fed bountifully with the bread of life by the servants of God.

Elders J. Taylor, L. Snow, E. Snow, and F. D. Richards, separated and spent the afternoon and evening in different halls, each accompanied by several presidents of conferences; while the remaining presidents of conferences and missionaries from the continent, kindly consented to separate and exercise their talents in edifying the congregations assembled in the other halls that were opened for the occasion.

MONDAY.

In the afternoon and evening a Festival was held at the Freemason’s Hall, Great Queen Street, on a similar scale to one that took place in the Valley, though, of course, much circumscribed for want of room, and other causes. We were favored with the company of four of the Twelve, as well as from thirty to thirty-five presidents of conferences and missionaries from the continent. The room was well filled with saints to the almost utter exclusion of strangers—though one here and there had been admitted through the instrumentality of friends. The number of tickets was obliged to be restricted to ensure a certain degree of comfort to those assembled; consequently, many went away disappointed of admission. The evening was agreeably diversified by hearing our beloved brethren’s most able speeches, singing some of the songs of Zion, and in ministering to the refreshment of the body. The utmost harmony prevailed throughout the evening, and peace and good-will shone on every face. The order of the processions excited much interest:—first, twelve presidents of branches each carrying a staff; twenty-four young ladies who distributed the refreshments, quickly distinguished by the

uniformity of dress, consisting of a white waist, with light blue trimming in the hair; then twenty-four young men habited with blue scarfs; then followed the venerable grey-headed old men who formed the chosen band of the twelve fathers in Israel, the twelve young men bearing in their hands the Bible, and the Book of Mormon, and ere the eye had scarcely followed them, it was pleased and arrested by a young and bright band of sisters, who bore their part in the conscious dignity of the office they were called upon to sustain in the ceremonies of the occasion; and we cannot speak too highly of the kind part each and all took in carrying out and furthering the arrangements designed for the enjoyment and entertainment of those present.

TUESDAY.

An Especial General Conference was held in the Eastern Lecture Hall, Whitechapel, at which, President F. D. Richards presided—much valuable instruction was given by the President, Elders John Taylor, Lorenzo Snow, Erastus Snow, George B. Wallace, and Levi Richards, in the true spirit of christian love and unity, to those who had the high privilege of being present, and it will be long ere the impetus given to the work by such efficient counsellors be in any degree slackened. All parted, feeling themselves built up and strengthened in the Spirit, and prepared to go forth with renewed energy to move onwards the great work, that each might return from his mission having done a good and honourable work in the Lord's vineyard.

WEDNESDAY.

A Monthly Meeting of the Priesthood of this Conference was likewise held in the same place. Three hundred of the priesthood were assembled. We were favored with addresses from those of the Twelve present. The kind tone of love and brotherhood manifested, and the valued counsels given, will carry with them a far stronger bold upon the minds of those present than the most labored efforts of years. They were like the still small voice that speaks, not in the thunder-clap, nor in the rush of the mighty whirl-wind, but comes with a surer, sweeter influence, mingling in the current of every-day thoughts and actions, till love and good-will, purity and uprightness regulate and stamps every action.

TREASURERS OF THE PERPETUAL EMIGRATION FUND.

It will be seen by reference to the Editorial of "Star" No. 12, Vol. XIII, that the First Presidency in Liverpool requires the full name and address of the treasurers of the Perpetual Emigration Fund throughout the British Isles. The presidents of branches in this conference are, therefore, requested to forward the names and addresses of the Emigration Fund Treasurers of their respective branches to No. 35, Jewin Street, City, London, when they send in their monthly reports for August next.

BACK STAGE.—The saints are reminded that if they are desirous of possessing authentic information respecting the introduction of the gospel of the kingdom into this country, the opposition it encountered, and the success that attended it, together with a vast amount of other interesting matter. They will do well to avail themselves of those invaluable records "The Millennial Star," commencing with the year 1840. Some of the volumes are nearly complete; of others, only a few numbers are left—but even those, when bound up, will make an interesting volume, which, in time to come will be highly prized, inasmuch as they will be in the possession of comparatively few, and will be sought after with great eagerness. Any one having odd numbers of the "Stars" of early date to dispose of, may exchange them for other books at the "Depot." Those, likewise, who wish to preserve in their dwellings a permanent remembrance of the Martyred Prophet Joseph, and of his brother Hyrum, the Patriarch, should procure the well executed Busts of those honored men—modelled under the immediate direction of Elder John Taylor, one of the twelve Apostles. No man in the church, perhaps, was better qualified for the oversight of such a work than Elder Taylor, inasmuch as he was for many years their companion in life, and a witness of their death. In times near at hand, those likenesses will be of great value, being the only ones that have been published by authority.

LITHOGRAPHIC PORTRAIT OF ELDER LORENZO SNOW.

We take pleasure in notifying all who wish to obtain a full-length Portrait of Elder Lorenzo Snow that there are a few for sale at the "Depot." Those who are desirous of preserving a copy of his never-to-be-forgotten countenance, will do well to call soon, as he has suffered but a limited number to be issued.



TO ALL WHO WISH WELL TO ZION.—GREETING:

It is, doubtless, well-known to the saints that it is the Counsel of the First Presidency in Zion, that the elders, when abroad among the nations, shall use their influence to gather to the home of the saints specimens of such things as are rare, beautiful, and useful, which are extant in the nations in which they travel. Among other things they are advised to gather choice seeds of every fruit, shrub, flower, and garden vegetable, which, in their nature are calculated to gratify the taste, please the eye, and delight the heart of man.

President Richards having kindly granted me permission to return to the bosom of my family, and to the society of the saints in the Valleys of the mountains, in the coming winter, I feel desirous of carrying with me an extensive and choice assortment of seeds. I, therefore, embrace the present opportunity of requesting, as a favor, that my brethren and sisters of the London Conference, and all others who take an interest in beautifying and replenishing the place of the gathering of the people of God, will embrace every opportunity that may present itself the coming season,

to collect and send to me seed of the choicest variety of the cherry, plum, apricot, nectarine, peach, apple, and pear trees; also, seeds of the choicest varieties of the gooseberry, currant, grape, strawberry, and raspberry. The supply of the usual varieties of garden vegetables is very abundant in the Valley; yet the seed of such vegetables as are rare, or of mammoth growth, will be thankfully received. That seeds may be preserved through so long a journey, it is necessary that they be thoroughly dried, and the pulp removed from them as much as possible, being careful not to expose them to too great a heat whilst drying them. It is highly probably that some of my brethren, sisters, and friends will respond so heartily to this call, that I shall have a far greater quantity of seeds than I shall need for my own use, and if so, I shall take great pleasure in transporting the surplus to the Valley, and in distributing them among such persons as will duly appreciate the favour conferred upon them by their friends in "Old England." With sentiments of greatest affection and esteem I subscribe myself your friend and brother in the Covenant of Peace.

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